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JUTE TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has launched a Jute Technology Mission ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposed cost of the Mission ; and

(d) the extent to which it would be useful to the Jute growers in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Government has approved the Jute Technology Mission which is yet to be launched formally.

(b) The Jute Technology Mission will be operationalised through four Mini Missions. It has the following objectives:

To improve yield and quality of jute fibre;

To strengthen existing infrastructure for development and supply of quality seeds;

Improvement of quality of fibre through better methods of retting and extraction technologies;

To increase the supply of quality raw material to the jute industry at reasonable prices and to develop efficient market linkage for raw jute;

To modernize, technologically upgrade, improve productivity, diversify and develop human resource for the jute industry;

To develop and commercialise innovative technology for diversified use of jute and allied fibres.

(c) : The proposed cost of the Mission is Rs. 355.55 Crores.

(d) : Of the four Mini Missions of the Jute Technology Mission, Mini Mission−I, II & III specifically provide for growth of jute growers. The mandate of Mini Mission-I is to strengthen Research and Technology activities for the development of improved varieties and protection technologies for jute and allied crops. This will make available good quality seeds and short duration crops to the jute growers. The mandate of Mini Mission − II is to transfer improved technology through extension to the farmers. This will make available the latest retting techniques to the farmers and also help in quality improvement of the crops. The mandate of Mini Mission − III is to develop and ensure efficient market linkages and value addition for raw jute by Upgradation of the existing market infrastructure and facilities to be provided to farmers. This will enable the farmers to get a fair market price by providing reliable and accessible market information.